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SUBJECT: MULTILATSAAL AFFAIRS: SRI LANKAN OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS
ON NAM SUMMIT

1. IN DISCUSSION AUGUST 31, GSL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, LEELANADA SILVA, PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH VARIOUS COMMENTS RELATED TO RECENT NAM SUMMIT. HIS OVERALL ASSESSMENT IS THAT EFFORTS TO SHIFT THE EMPHASIS IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT ANYWAY FORM POLITICAL ISSUES AND TOWARD BECOMING AN ECONOMIC PRESSURE GROUP HAD MADE LITTLE OR NO HEADWAY DURING COLOMBO SUMMIT. HE BELIEVES GROUP OF 77 FORUMS SUCH AS THE SEPTEMBER ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN MEXICO WILL HAVE TO BE THE ARENA IN WHICH THE NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES SEEK A COMMON BARGAINING POSITION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. SILVA SEEMED ESPECIALLY DISGRUNTLED WITH THE OPEC COUNTRIES AND, AS FAR AS ECONOMIC ISSUES ARE CONCERNED, SEES THEM AS BEING OUTSIDE THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

2. SILVA CLAIMED THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR A COMMERCIAL
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BANK FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE SO-CALLED BANK

FOR ASIA, AFICA AND LATIN AMERICA WHICH WAS PUT FORWARD BY SRI LANKA AT THE NAM SUMMIT, IS HIS IDEA AND HE IS QUITE PROUD THAT IT REACHED THE LIGHT OF DAY IN COLOMBO. WHEN ASKED IF HE THOUGHT THAT OPEC FINANCING WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO FLOAT THE PROPOSED BANK, SILVA SAID OPEC COUNTRIES WOULD BE NO HELP AT ALL. THE IDEA WAS NOT BASED ON OPEC SUPPORT AS MANY COMMENTATORS HAD BEEN ASSUMING. HIS IDEA IS THAT THE DEVELOPING WORLD'S BANK WOULD PROVIDE A MECHANISM WHEREBY MULTINATIONAL BANKS SUCH AS CITIBANK AND CHASE MANHATTEN COULD CHANNEL PRIVATE INVESTMENT FUNDS INTO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WHILE AVOIDING THE POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS WHICH MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS OFTEN ENCOUNTER.

3. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, SILVA'S OPINION IS THAT SUMMIT ENDED IN RATHER MESSY MANNER. AS RESULT, JUSTICE AND FINANCE MINISTER FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIKE, EXPECTS TO GO TO NEW YORK IN LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER TO CHAIR NAM BUREAU MEETING AMONG ISSUES SILVA SAYS WILL HAVE TO BE FACED ARE THE LARGE NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS ON THE KOREAN RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE NAM SUMMIT AND THE DIFFICULT MALAYSIA/ VIETNAM QUARREL WHICH HAD BEEN THROWN INTO THE NACC AT THE FINAL FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN COLOMBO. IN THIS REGARD, SILVA SAID THAT FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIKE, WHO HAD CHAIRED THE FINAL FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, HAD HAD TO WRITE A LETTER OF APOLOGY TO THE MALAYSIANS OVER THE INCIDENT WHICH HAS SOURED RELATIONS BETWEEN SRI LANKA AND MALAYSIA.

4. COMMENT: NAM BUREAU MEETING IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER, FIRST SINCE NAM SUMMIT, COULD PROVIDE CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY FOR NORTH KOREANS TO TRY TO WHIP NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES INTO LINE BEHIND HOSTILE KOREAN RESOLUTION AT UNGA. CALL BY BUREAU TO NAM MEMBERS TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN POSITION MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR INTERESTS REGARDING THIS ISSUE.

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